

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 2, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Grundel at 6:40 P.M. at Station 43. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT

Directors: Kurt Grundel, Larry Bailey, Randy Casto, Bob Neville and Bob Webster

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats and public

Secretary-Clerk: Debbie Hughes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

R. Casto motioned to approve the consent calendar. B. Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

See report in packet.

NEVADA COUNTY FIRE AGENCY

No meeting.

LAFCO

No meeting.

PENN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

See report in packet.

CHIEF'S REPORT

In addition to report in packet Battalion Chief Wagner updated the board on the Station 43 project. After some problems in the beginning things are going fairly well now. He's had to initiate 3 change orders – PG&E lines, inside cabinets, and a larger back walkway. Chief Vander Plaats said for the budget period of July – November the district has completed 42% and spent 43%, however if we add in the OES strike team monies we are at 39%.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIM FROM LAKE WILDWOOD ASSN. FOR DAMAGES TO LWV PROPERTY FROM AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED 11/10/08

Chief Vander Plaats explained that an accident occurred at the Penn Valley Fire Station #44, when our engine rolled out of the engine bay and did some damage to LWV property. A claim for damages has been sent to us from LWVA. Chief also said that our insurance carrier advises us to reject the claim in its entirety. Then it's referred to our third party administrator who represents the district on the incident. The insurance company (FAIRA) will then cause the claim to be processed. This is the standard procedure; if we accept the claim our third party carrier can't negotiate with the claimant (Lake Wildwood Association). Randy Casto motioned to reject the claim. Bill Neville seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Chief Wagner said that Don Schwartz (our mechanic) and Fischer Towing were both out there for quite a while helping and they are not going to bill us for that.

ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT 2008

FAE/Medic Clay Thomas prepared the written report in the board packet and went over it with the board at the meeting. The Directors reviewed and accepted the report. They also complimented FAE Thomas on his thoroughness, and said fire prevention in this district has improved over the last few years. The board would also like to see public education and the smoke detector program reflected on this report.

ANNUAL AB 1600 REPORT

Chief Vander Plaats explained this report is required annually by CA Government Code. We have to make sure that the development fees collected and interest earned are spent or committed within a five year period. The report in the packet shows that we are compliant. The board reviewed and accepted the report.

CONSIDERATION TO ORDER A FIRE ENGINE WITH ESTIMATED COSTS OF \$360,000 TO \$380,000

PURCHASING - Chief Wagner enclosed a spread sheet that showed all of the information compiled from four different companies so he would be comparing apples to apples. Much discussion then ensued. Fire engines will have new standards beginning January 1, 2009 and cost approximately \$12,000 more, so Chief Wagner would like the board to approve the purchase tonight. He recommended the district purchase the Hi-Tech engine as it is the least expensive, the manufacturing plant is in CA, and they are a reputable company. The bid includes a 25% performance bond; however the board would like to see that increase to 100% due to the poor economy we are experiencing. B. Neville motioned to approve the purchase of a Hi-Tech engine and signing of the contract before 12/31/08. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

FINANCING - Chief Wagner said the amortizing interest rate has dropped from 4.28% to 4% and First Municipal Leasing Corporation would lock us in at 4%. B. Neville motioned approval of Option A, dated 11/26/08 - a 5 year lease with \$150,000 down payment, with internal funding to be 80% from building and equipment and 20% from impact. B. Webster seconded. Motion unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Chief Vander Plaats commended Chief Wagner, the committee and all of the staff that put many hours into this.

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT TAX – RESCUE

There was considerable discussion regarding the possible mail ballot tax that the board previously decided to be held 5/15/09. The amount of the tax would be \$105.02, and it would need to be passed by at least 2/3rds of the voters. The board concurred that in this poor economy it would be hard to pass; it would still cost the District \$20,000 -\$30,000 and the public hasn't been fully educated as to the need to maintain our current level of service. They want to continue to work on this with stronger language in "the argument for" in the measure, and to bring the documents back to the January board meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Director Webster – Nothing new to report.
2. Director Bailey – Nothing new to report.
3. Director Grundel – Nothing new to report.
4. Director Casto – Nothing new to report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

At the semi-annual Auxiliary luncheon they presented the District with a check for \$45,000.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hughes

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Secretary to the Board